

Weekly Newscast Lesson Plan



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Objectives:

- To develop listening skills
- To increase vocabulary
- To increase knowledge of current events
- To provide an authentic learning resource

Contents:

- Three news stories
- Vocabulary building activities
- Listening comprehension activities
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News story #1 Donald Trump to become President of the United States (0:12)

Setting the Scene



Donald Trump, the next President of the United States of America. (John Locher/Associated Press) (CBC file photo)

Donald Trump is an American businessman and reality television star. On November 8th, he won the American presidential election. He beat Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton after a long campaign that had some scandals on both sides. Though Trump has no political experience, voters in the United States supported him as the best person to lead the country.

Pre-listening Questions

Were you surprised that Trump won the election? Why or why not?

How are leaders chosen in your home country?

Do you think Canada will be affected by this new president?

Vocabulary

Matching

To help you better understand the words in the news story, match the words with their definitions.
Answers are in the appendix.

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_____	the polls (n.)	a) to move from one place/person to another
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Extra definitions to help you understand the listening:

Democrat – member of the Democratic Party, an American political party

White House – the official residence of the American president

electoral college – in the U.S.A., a group who elects the president, based on the people's votes

Republicans - members of the Republican Party, an American political party

House of Representatives – a government body that creates laws, representing states by population

Senate – a government body that creates laws, representing states equally

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Listening Task

Answering True/False questions

Read the following statements. While you listen to the story, decide whether the statements are **true** or **false**. Write your answer in the blanks.

Answers are in the appendix.

1. ____ Donald Trump is now the President of the United States.
2. ____ Trump's win on November 8th came as a surprise to many.
3. ____ Up until the newspapers closed, it was believed Democrat Hillary Clinton would win.
4. ____ Trump won 316 electoral college votes.
5. ____ Clinton won 232 (electoral college votes).
6. ____ Trump will start to make decisions with current president Barack Obama.
7. ____ Republicans also lost control of the House of Representatives and the Senate.
8. ____ Trump told his supporters that it's time for Washington to come together.
9. ____ Hillary Clinton said she hopes Trump has a successful presidency.

Food for Thought

Why do you think Trump won the election?

What do you think Trump will do as president?

What changes would you make to the country if you were its leader?

News story #2 Mayor Nenshi will run for office a third time (1:29)

Setting the Scene



Calgary's mayor, Naheed Nenshi (Evelyne Asselin/CBC) (CBC file photo)

Naheed Nenshi has served as the mayor of Calgary since 2010. He has done a lot of good things for the city in that time, even though the economy has been poor. He also remains popular with the people of Calgary.

Pre-listening Questions

What is a mayor's job? What do they do every day?

What do you know about Naheed Nenshi?

Do you think politics is an interesting job? Why or why not?

Vocabulary

Find the definition (Multiple Choice)

Learning some of the new words you will hear in the listening will help you understand the news story. Read the sentences below and choose the best definition for the words in **bold**.

Answers are in the appendix.

1. Sarah has always loved politics. Maybe she will **run** for Prime Minister someday.
 - a. vote in an election
 - b. be a candidate in an election
2. Don Iveson was **elected** as mayor of Edmonton in 2013. He is still the mayor today.
 - a. hired for a job by a leader
 - b. chosen as a leader through voting
3. The new traffic laws **highlighted** road safety for both drivers and pedestrians.
 - a. gave attention to something
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4. The president of the university had many **achievements**, such as building a new library and a research hospital.
 - a. something inexpensive
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5. In the winter, snow and ice on the roads can create **transit** problems for cars and buses.
 - a. systems of travel (roads, subways, etc.)
 - b. machines (cars, refrigerators, etc.)
6. The food bank received **funding** from City Hall. Now, they can run a big Thanksgiving dinner.
 - a. money used for a special purpose
 - b. people who give money to poor people
7. Calgary's Nose Hill Park is one of the biggest **municipal** parks in Canada.
 - a. related to building
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Extra definitions to help you understand the listening:

secondary suites – apartments or second living spaces in a house, usually rented to others

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Listening Activity

Matching

Read the numbers and lengths of time below. As you listen to the audio, complete the sentences by matching the number or amount of time with the correct information that follows.

Answers are in the appendix.

Number/Date		Information
3rd	•	• year that Nenshi was re-elected
2010	•	• number of years in which Nenshi has had achievements
2013	•	• percentage of votes that Nenshi won
74	•	• term that Mayor Nenshi is running for
6	•	• type of suite
2	•	• year that Nenshi was first elected as mayor
secondary	•	• October date of the next election
16 th	•	• things Nenshi would like to continue working on

Food for thought

Do you think Nenshi's projects (new C-Train line, secondary suites) are important?

What other kinds of developments would you like to see in Calgary?

If you could meet Mayor Nenshi, what would you discuss with him?

News story #3 Police say nighttime cyclists must use lights (2:41)

Setting the Scene



A cyclist in Calgary rides a bike at night. He does not have lights or reflective clothing (Mike Symington/CBC) (CBC file photo)

In Calgary, many roads have cycle tracks for people on bikes to travel safely. Cyclists can use roads, but are in a separate lane from car traffic, which is safer. However, after the sun sets, cyclists can be difficult to see on the road. They don't have lights, like cars do. Calgary Police say cyclists need to put lights on their bicycles so that they are visible and safer.

Pre-listening Questions

Do you ever ride your bike in Calgary? Do you use the cycle tracks?

What are some pros and cons for riding a bike in the city?

How popular is bicycle transportation in your country?

Vocabulary

Sentence Completion

Learning some of the new words you will hear in the listening will help you understand the news story. Use the vocabulary words below to complete the sentences. *Answers are in the appendix.*

cycle tracks (n.)	lanes in the road for bicycles only
attractive (adj.)	having a quality that people like
reflective (adj.)	allows light to shine off its surface
gear (n.)	tools or clothing for a special use
reflectors (n.)	safety equipment to make people or objects more visible in the dark
ticket (n.)	a piece of paper that says you have to pay money to the city or police
required (adj.)	needed, necessary
range (v.)	to include everything between two points

1. In most cities, children on bicycles are _____ to wear a helmet, for safety reasons.
2. When roads are being repaired, city workers put out orange signs with _____ panels, so drivers can see them easily.
3. Lots of people are nervous to ride bikes downtown, with so many cars and buses. _____ separate the bikes from the other traffic, so it's a safer and more _____ way to bike in the city.
4. Many visitors to Canada are surprised that they cannot drink alcohol in public. People who bring alcohol to beaches or parks can get a _____ from the police.
5. In Canada, the price of a new bicycle can _____ from \$100 to several thousand dollars.
6. Lots of sports _____, like jackets and running shoes, has _____ on it, so people can walk or jog safely at night on darker roads.

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Listening Activity

Fixing Errors

Listen to the news story and read the following sentences. Each sentence contains one error. Find the error and fix it so that the sentence is correct. *Answers are in the appendix.*

1. Calgary's new cycle tracks are making it easier and more attractive for cyclists to ride their bikes at night.
2. Not all bikers are using the proper locks and reflective gear.
3. Cyclists must have a red light in the front.
4. They must have a red light on each side and reflectors.
5. When a citizen was out along the cycle track, they found many people who did not have them.
6. City Hall workers say cyclists can get a ticket if they are stopped and do not have the required gear.
7. Tickets can range from \$80 to around \$220.

Food for thought

Do you think the tickets are fair? Do you think they will teach people to use lights?

What else can people do to stay safe when they are out after dark?

Transcripts of Weekly news stories

	NOVEMBER WEEKLY NEWS STORIES	TIME
Introduction	Hi, I'm Shannon Scott and this is Learning English with CBC for November 14th with stories that made news over the past week.	0:00
Story 1	Donald Trump will be the next President of the United States. Trump's win on November 8 th came as a surprise to many. Right up until the polls closed, it was believed Democrat Hillary Clinton would easily win the White House. But in the end, Donald Trump won 306 electoral college votes to Clinton's 232. That's enough to give him the presidency. Trump will now start to work on the transfer of power from the current president, Barack Obama. He will have to choose his top advisors, and lay out what his priorities will be. Along with winning the White House, Republicans also won control of the House of Representatives and the Senate. In his acceptance speech, Trump told his supporters that it is time for the country to come together and heal. Hillary Clinton told her supporters she hopes Trump has a successful presidency.	0:12
Story 2	Calgary's Mayor Naheed Nenshi has said he will run for a third term. Nenshi was first elected as mayor in 2010. He was re-elected in 2013, with 74 percent of the votes. When he announced his re-election campaign, Nenshi highlighted what he sees as his achievements over the past six years. These achievements include new roads, transit, recreation centres, parks, and fire halls. If he is elected again, there are two things Nenshi would like to continue working on. He would like to find funding for the new C-train Green Line and change the rules around secondary suites. But Nenshi says his main reason for wanting to run again is that he loves his job. The next municipal election will be held on October 16 th , 2017.	1:29
Story 3	Calgary's new cycle tracks are making it safer and more attractive for cyclists to ride their bikes at night. But it seems not all bikers are using the proper lights and reflective gear when riding in the dark. Cyclists in Calgary must have a white light at the front, a red light at the back, and reflectors. But when CBC was out along the cycle track, we found many people who did not have them. Calgary Police say cyclists can get a ticket if they are stopped and do not have the required gear. Tickets can range from \$80 to around \$120.	2:41

Answer keys

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